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SYPHAX, RANDALL SCHOOLS UP FOR SALE

The D.C. Board of Education narrowly approved at its December 15 meeting a recommendation to designate 10 unused school buildings as surplus facilities no longer needed for educational purposes and to transfer them to the mayor for sale.

The board said the proceeds from the sale of the buildings-Bryan, Buchanan, Bundy, Grimke, Kingsman, Langston, Lovejoy, Randall, Slater and Syphax-would be used to fund the school system's deferred maintenance fund and the Capital Improvement Program.

Some board members vehemently protested the transfer, saying the board should hold community hearings to determine what the residents want done with the properties in their neighborhoods.

Some residents, they said, fear the unused buildings will be turned into city-run homeless shelters.

Board president David Hall said that while he agreed the buildings should be utilized by the school system, the system has had difficulties in the past leasing unused buildings.

Of the 10 buildings newly designated as surplus facilities, parts or all of five are currently being leased by the District government or private institutions, while the other five are vacant, according to the director of facilities, William McAfee.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON DISPLAY JAN. 13-20

President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 declaration that "all persons held as slaves...shall be free" will be on display at the National Archives, Constitution Ave. between 7th and 9th St NW January 13 to 20th from 10 am to 5 pm daily.

The display of the five pages of the original Emancipation Proclamation will be free and open to the public, as part of a program of the National Archives to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By signing the Emancipation Proclamation President Lincoln changed the character of the Civil War from a struggle to preserve the Union to a crusade for human liberty. Two years later the 13th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, formally outlawing slavery throughout the nation.

Call the National Archives (202) 501-5000 or information on lectures and films relating to civil rights and the Emancipation Proclamation.

FATHER HADDAD LEAVES FOR MASSACHUSETTS

by Edie Youngblood

He's Father Norman Haddad, O.P., known as Father Haddad, Father Norman, or just Hey Fawder. (The O.P. stands for Order of Preachers, usually called Dominicans; Father Haddad is a priest of that Order.) Until this neighborhood says goodby to him on January 9, and he drives north on January 10, he is the pastor of St. Dominic Parish, at 6th and E Southwest. That has been his official assignment, but he has also been many other things to us in the Southwest for a long time now.

Father Haddad has been in the Southwest twice. He first came here in September 1962 and was transferred away in June 1972. He was sub-prior and assistant pastor of St. Dominic's during that time. (There is a community-a priory--of anywhere from 15 to 25 Dominican priests and brothers at St. Dominic's, headed by a prior. The sub-prior is second-in-command.) Father Haddad remembers those days of continuing development, the building of the high-rises, and an early sense of community. He recalls that, as these large apartment buildings went up, "the community became more and more complicated and began to fragment. It became more and more difficult to achieve a unified community with a unified structure of services, facilities, and organizations--something that still hasn't quite happened yet." It became more and more of a challenge to allow for local/neighborhood expression--for example, tenant groups, the Youth Activities Task Force, Boys and Girls Clubs, the activities and projects of the Recreation Department--and to continue the effort to encourage that expression in a variety of ways, and to make sure that this community was heard by the people who needed to hear--the powers-that-be. During those years, Father Haddad served as secretary of the Southwest Clergy Association; he chaired the Southwest Assembly in 1971-2, helped develop the Arts Festival in the mid-60's, and worked closely with the Southwest schools--all this in addition to his full-time work as a parish priest.

When Father Haddad came back to St. Dominic's Parish in May 1981, he found that the same struggle, the same work in the community was going on, and he pitched in again. He says now that "the Wiley Branton Community

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Father Norman Haddad

Remembrance Services for Thurgood Marshall

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church cordially invites you to attend their worship service on Sunday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m. Prayers of remembrance for Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall will be offered at that time. On Wednesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. the evening prayer service will also be dedicated to the memory of Justice Marshall. An exhibit on Justice Marshall, as well as other visual aids, will be available for viewing during both services. For more information, please call 554-3222.

SW Neighborhood Assembly will meet January 24

There will be a general meeting of the SWNA on the 4th Monday of the month. The meeting will be at the library at 6:30 pm.

As stated in the by-laws "Procedures for nomination and election of officers shall be determined by the Executive Board and reported to the Assembly for approval at the January meeting. At the February meeting of the As-

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ANC News

At its December 10, 1993 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Heard Sgt. Richardson and Lt. Sandra Peters of the First District MPD give a report on crime statistics for the 2D area.
2. Heard Sylvia Davis, representing Pepco, explain the reasons why Pepco is asking for a rate increase; the Commission will consider taking a position on the increase after it hears from the Office of Peoples' Counsel in January.
3. Heard Joe McGlaughlin, representing the Taxpayer Right to Know Committee, describe his committee's proposed initiative, the "Real Property Assessment and Tax Amendments Act."
4. Heard Jeanette Barker present the Sierra Club's critique of the District's efforts to comply with the Clean Air Act; the Commission decided to hold off on taking any action until it gets more information on this issue.
5. Voted to advise the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to expand the information that it includes on notices to ANC concerning public hall licenses applications.
6. Authorized ANC representatives to continue discussions with property owners on South Capitol Street who want the ANC's support for allowing increased density on the west side of South Capitol Street between I and M.
7. Decided to send a letter to DHCD Director Merrick Malone reiterating the ANC's concern that DHCD should start any construction on the SW waterfront before the community has had adequate opportunity to comment on the plans.
8. Agreed to protest the Washington Post's decision to drop the community news column in the District Weekly, which provided information about ANC meetings.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, January 10, 1994 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes: action on Pepco's rate increase request, election of 1994 officers, and setting of 1994 priorities.

MAYOR WOULD HAVE POWER OVER THE D.C. NATIONAL GUARD

A bill to give the Mayor of D C the same power over the local national guard as governors have over state guards has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly wants to use the guard in fighting crime. Under present law the President of the United States appoints the commanding general of the D.C. guard and determines the use of the guard.

Another bill by Congresswoman Norton will give the District control over tax funds raised exclusively in the District and would allow laws passed by the Council of the District of Columbia to become effective immediately without a 30 or 60 legislative day layover in Congress.

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by Willetta Carter

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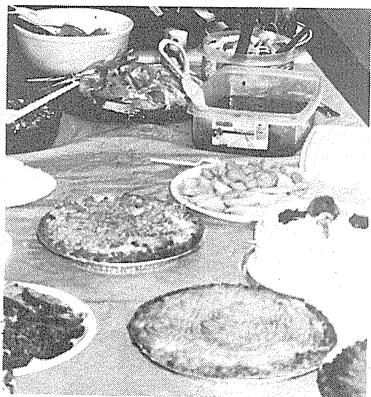
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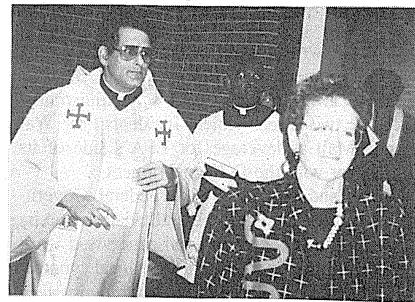
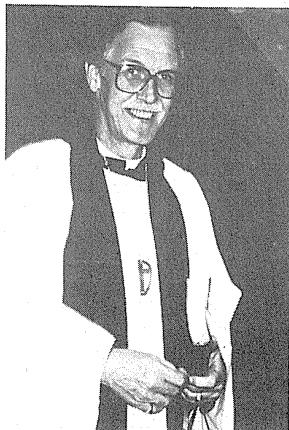
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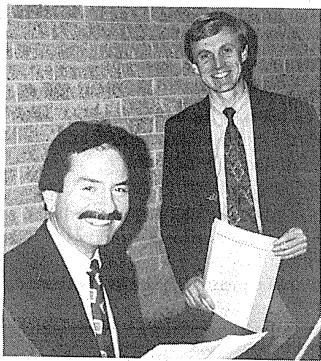
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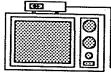
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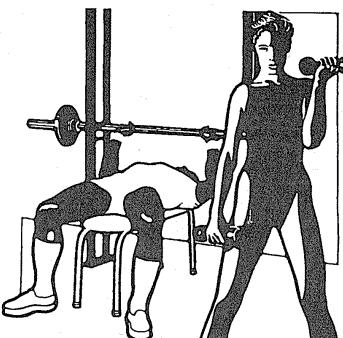
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are writing with reference to EPA and the Environment -- of S.W., D.C.

Ms. Carol Browner, EPA's Administrator, used the two recent violent incidents near Waterside Mall as leverage for EPA's side of its tug-of-war with the D.C. government...

EPA (and the rest of the Federal Government) could and should help alleviate crime by providing meaningful and self-supervised work experience for underemployed local youths. Young men and women in our community need and want work experience but have little hope of getting it. EPA's "Stay-in-School" program is a small but inadequate beginning...

Ms. Browner, how about it, will you help us make SW Washington a better environment, or do you consider our community a hazardous site to be abandoned...?

Judy and Eugene Bellin
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INTERFAITH CONCERT AT THANKSGIVING TIME

Great music of seven religious traditions filled the Washington Hebrew Congregation at the fourteenth annual interfaith concert attended by 1,500 people the week before Thanksgiving.

A Hindu dancer performed and choral groups from Sikh, Hebrew, Mormon, Lutheran, Roman Catholic faiths and the interdenominational Jubilee Majestic Choir performed individually and as a 200 voice choir.

The annual event is sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and was funded in part by the D.C. Commission of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

DISCOUNT COUPONS PROMOTE COMMUNITY FOOD GARDENS

A directory of discount coupons worth thousands of dollars can be purchased from Garden Resources of Washington (GROW) for \$35, with \$7 being donated to GROW to help their work in starting community food gardens and neighborhood beautification on idle land. An example of their program-at-work is the garden at St. Augustine's and Temple Micah.

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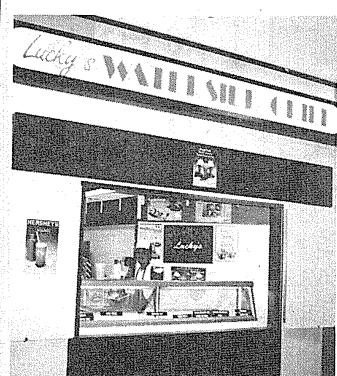
Housing and Urban Development or "HUD" when it was being built.

Marine Band Concert, Sun. Jan. 9 at 8th and I S.E.

The U.S. Marine chamber ensemble will perform works for saxophones, trombones, violin, clarinet and piano at the Marine Barracks, 8th and I St. S.E. at 2 pm, Sunday January 9th.

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SMOG CLEAN-UP PLAN RELEASED

Residents of the Washington region will breathe a little easier in the years ahead as a result of a smog clean-up plan adopted today by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC).

The plan released today is the first (1994-1996) phase of a campaign to clean up the air in the Washington region by 1999. The plan includes several regulatory measures to achieve by 1996 a 15 percent decrease from 1990 levels in the amount of a particular class of pollutants-volatile organic compounds (VOC's)-that are released into the air in the region. VOC's spur the formation of ozone, a harmful gas, when they combine with other pollutants on hot, sunny days.

The plan builds on measures required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA) that are being implemented by the states of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The CAAA requirements include tougher vehicle emissions tests, and using vapor recovery nozzles at gas pumps; in addition, the Washington region has "opted in" to a federal program to market cleaner gasoline in the region. Other provisions in the plan call for area residents to use less polluting paints on their houses and cars, and be prohibited from burning brush or other refuse during the summer. Targeted businesses will also be called on to use less polluting products, and right turns on red will be allowed at all intersections in the District of Columbia.

The Washington region is one of about 100 areas in the country required by the CAAA to prepare and carry out air pollution clean-up plans.

In an average summer the air in the Washington region violates the federal health standard for ozone. On particularly hot and still summers, such as in 1977 and 1988, the region has had nearly a month of unhealthy air; at the other extreme, in 1979, there were no ozone violation days. Last summer there were five official violation days, but on several other days the ozone level hovered at or near the legal limit.

MWAQC will begin immediately to work on the plan for achieving clean air standards by 1999. The attainment plan, due to EPA in November, 1994, will target further reductions in VOC's, as well as reductions in nitrogen oxides (NOx), the other ozone-causing pollutant.

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Participation will include the Catholic, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Mormon, Protestant and Sikh faith communities.

Rev. Lewis B. Anthony will deliver a sermon.

A Goodby to Reverend Montgomery

-by Jean M. Smith

Friendship Baptist Church is all draped in black. Our church family is very sad at the passing of our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. William Henry Montgomery.

We thank everyone who came out to give your condolences. We pray for Mrs. Montgomery and for Rev. Lorenzo Ford, who stood by Rev. Montgomery so faithfully and untiringly.

Revival services from January 1 through January 14 will feature revivalists Rev. John Chapman, pastor of Pleasant Lane Baptist Church, and Rev. William Smith, Pastor of Jordan Baptist Church.

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FATHER HADDAD'S RECEPTION

The following letter appeared in the December 26 Church Bulletin at Saint Dominic's Catholic Church:

"Last week I was unexpectedly elected to be the Prior of the Dominican Community at Saint Stephen's in Dover, Massachusetts, the place where I had served before coming back to Saint Dominic's in 1981. Although it came rather suddenly, my acceptance responds to the needs of the Dominicans, Providence of Saint Joseph, and I have been at Saint Dominic's this time for twelve and a half years.

Needless to say, I am saddened at the thought of leaving, but most grateful for the privilege of being your pastor. You have been supportive, encouraging, and generous in so many ways, I am proud of being part of a parish family in which prayer, community, liturgy, preaching, and service to the poor are integral to our life and I appreciate all who have helped us to do so much in the Lord's name.

Since the move was unanticipated there is much to do before I leave. I will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on January 9, 1994, at 12:15 p.m. and leave for Massachusetts the following day."

Father Haddad announced his move at mass on December 26. The community is invited to attend his final mass at Saint Dominic's and to stay and attend his good-bye party.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

D. C. Hotline If you want to help others by providing telephone counseling and referrals to those in need, call the D.C. Hotline at 223-0020. Free communication skills training starts January 11, 1994. Call Soraya Seirafi, 223-0020.

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"We Are Family!" will be presented Friday and Saturday, January 21-22, 1994, at 8PM in the auditorium of Hine Junior High School, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., just across the street from the Eastern market metro stop in Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are on sale at Bread and Roses, Lammas Women's Books and More, and Lambda Rising. They are also available from individual chorus members or by calling 202-546-1549. Performances will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

"We Are Family" salutes and celebrates the many ways in which alternative families have become an accepted part of life, particularly in the Gay and Lesbian community.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Lots of exciting things have been going on in the neighborhood schools this holiday season.

Amidon's choir has been very busy. On December 16th, they sang at Waterside Mall. Samuel Bryant, the volunteer coordinator from EPA arranged for them to sing carols during noontime.

From September 23, 1993 to January 9, 1994, a group of 35 **Amidon** students had their drawings on display at the Phillips Art Gallery as part of Jacob Lawrence: The Migration Series. They had been part of the Jacob Lawrence Workshop Program. Ms. Beverly Carpenter is the teacher.

Five schools along with their librarians attended Connie Porter's Book Signing Party at **Amidon**. They were Jefferson Junior High School, Anthony Bowen, Turner Elementary, Sousa Middle School and the host school. Approximately 300 copies of Ms. Porter's books were sold. In addition, artifacts were on display. Ms Moser said that she wanted to do as much as possible to bring books and children together and try to get students "hooked on reading."

Jefferson Junior High School has been involved with WETA in a pilot project called Media Fusion. It is an exciting meld of the computer and video. Mr. Johnson is in charge of the computer program at Jefferson and is the "WETA Liaison."

Anthony Bowen participated in the White House - Pageant of Peace.

Anyone interested in volunteering, Mr. Bryant coordinates volunteers from his agency to be tutors, mentors, assistant coaches, etc. at Bowen, Amidon and Jefferson. If you work at EPA call him at 260-6199 or if you are an interested member of the SW community, call the Volunteer Office at 872-9125.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIVERPARK residents contributed to the children's holiday party at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Their \$650 contribution was the largest collective contribution to the festivities. The money was to be used for a Christmas shopping excursion and a party on December 23. The children visited Santa, enjoyed refreshments and sang carols. The recreation center tape dance class and Lloyd Newman's musical group entertained.

Understanding Condominium Reserves program will be held Wednesday, January 12, 1994, 7:30 p.m. It will be at the Ritz Hotel, 2100 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. It will be free and is Open to the Public. Condo Board Members, and Property Managers and interested condo unit owners are urged to attend.

Since 1987, the Association of District of Columbia Condominium Boards has educated, promoted, and helped to protect condominium boards of directors in Washington. ADCCCB's programs, newsletters, and legislative efforts are geared solely toward promoting the interests of condominium boards and associations located in DC. For further information, call Marc Thompson, 202-289-6272.

Expanded Meals on Wheels Delivery. East of the River Meals on Wheels is planning to expand its service in the community through a new route in Southwest Washington, D.C., beginning in 1994. East of the River Meals on Wheels is a voluntary program providing hot meals each week day to elderly and infirm shut ins.

Volunteers prepare and deliver these low cost meals using their personal vehicles. At present, meals are being delivered throughout Southeast Washington, D.C. and nearby Prince Georges county. Additional volunteer drivers will be needed for the new Southwest route.

For additional information about East of the River Meals on Wheels or to make arrangements to become a volunteer driver, please call Mildred B. Hannaham, Chairperson, at 202-582-5823 or volunteer staff at the kitchen, located in the East Washington Heights Baptist Church, on 202-575-3218.

Local "Boy" Returns to Hometown. Robert Prosky will be acting in "The Price" at the Fichandler from January 21 through February 27.

Organ Recitals -Saint Dominic's Church will be having recitals on their newly restored Roosevelt organ. They will be Sunday at 3:30 pm, January 16, February 20, and April 22 in the Parish Meeting Room.



Ron Britt

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
JANUARY, 1994

Sunday, January 9; Thanksgiving Mass and Reception for Fr. Haddad, St. Dominic's Church, 12:15 p.m.

Monday, January 10; Advisory Neighborhood Commission, 2D Westminster Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 16; Dr. King Annual Inter-faith Service, People's Congregational United Church of Christ, 4704 - 13th St., NW, 3 pm

Tuesday, January 18; Ward 2 Town Hall meeting (Mayor Kelly), Francis Jr. High School, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19; Public Service Commission Hearings on PEPCO rate increase request.

Saturday, January 22; Del. Norton Community meeting, Longworth Building, 10 a.m.

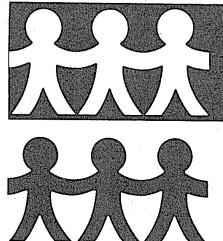
Monday, January 24; Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Branch Library, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1; First District Citizens Advisory Council, 1st District Headquarters, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9; Wiley Branton CDC Annual Meeting, (Place and Time to be Announced).

Monday, February 14; Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, Westminster Church, 7:30 p.m.

(Please submit community events for the next calendar to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.)



Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation

The Acting President of the Board, the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the WILEY BRANTON CDC request the pleasure of all residents who are 18 years or older in the Southwest and near Southeast Communities, at its **SECOND ANNUAL MEETING**.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 1994 at the Disabled American Veterans facility, 807 Maine Avenue, S.W., Wash., D.C., from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The agenda for this all important business meeting will include: (1) A FY '93 Report to the Community, (2) The election of five at-large Board of Directors, (3) A discussion of programs and projects planned for FY '94, and (4) A guest speaker. Light Refreshments will be served.

Membership in the Wiley Branton CDC is free. Applications are available now or sign-up at the meeting. For additional information call Ron Britt today at 202/488-7310.

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Development Corporation and the Southwest Community House are growing and attempting to reach these goals of service and vibrant community identity." He still sees the need to help the Southwest community through difficult times, so that the community itself can respond to its own needs, especially among people who need social services or a helping hand when times are hard.

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REGION TO OPERATE UNDER COG'S SNOW PLAN THIS WINTER

With the snow season here, procedures are in place which provide for a regional response to snow or ice emergencies in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Developed by the Council of Governments and approved by local jurisdictions, the Unified Regional Snow Emergency Plan provides for improved communication and coordination among local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies, as well as increased public awareness of how to commute safely in the snow. Following are the specific procedures:

Conference Call: Through a 5:00 a.m. conference call, 23 key decision-makers from throughout the region will announce a "Go/No-go" or delayed opening decisions for local and federal government offices and the private sector. Information on school and office closings and the status of the Metrorail, trains and major roads will be exchanged, creating a regional picture of snow conditions. In case snow falls later in the day or the weather changes dramatically, backup conference calls will be arranged.

Priority Plowing: If a "Regional Snow Emergency" is declared-a new term signifying that several counties or cities have declared local snow emergencies-plowing will be concentrated along Regional Snow Emergency routes. Local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies have committed their intention to keep open these priority routes to the exclusion of other roads and residential streets. Bus routes may also be modified to take advantage of these major arterials.

Zone Dismissal Plan: To avoid gridlock on the roads, the plan provides for a staggered early release of workers based on where they live. Employees who live in the outermost counties will be released first, followed in half-hour increments by workers who live in the inner counties, workers who live inside the Beltway but outside the District of Columbia, and finally, workers who live in the District of Columbia.

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sembly, the nominating committee will report the names, addresses and offices sought of any candidates, at which time nominations from the floor shall be accepted, with the consent of the person nominated. The nominating committee is charged with assuring that its candidates be chosen for the best possible representation of the districts. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Representatives shall be elected in March of each year."

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It's part of Father Haddad's vision that this neighborhood must come together to serve its own welfare. If the people who live and work here contribute to, take interest in, or work on, the community needs, the existing community resources can become whatever the Southwest itself wants them to be. If people could and would pitch in, Father Haddad feels that social tensions, such as those that focus on race, crime, and poverty--would be alleviated. Father's favorite example of this is the Southwest Community House, an agency with "a very respectable 92-year history of service delivery."

Father Haddad also has a vision and some advice for the future: The Southwest must reemphasize the value of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, continue the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation, and the growth and development of Southwest Community House for our less fortunate neighbors and for the mutual benefit of all of us. This work needs everybody's help, and provides particularly good opportunities for all the churches and the synagogue in the Southwest for mutual support and service with, and in, our Southwest community. Father says that the Southwest neighborhood is "a mini-world, with wonderful potential for real community, a wonderful place to live and work in, it's been a privilege and a joy to try to make it better."

In St. Dominic's Parish, Father Haddad's community approach also shows up. Its faith community is active and vibrant. "It's a commu-

nity that understands its commitment to parishioners and friends, but also to the Southwest neighborhood." Father Haddad has successfully developed the leadership role of the Parish Council, and the committees and work groups that handle the educational, liturgical, social concerns, hospitality, and other events and works of the Parish. Father is particularly grateful for the financial and Heritage committees that were instrumental in "protecting the beautiful structure of this historic Church, and keeping it suitable for succeeding generations."

Anyone who's been around Father Haddad or St. Dominic's Parish can see and experience what this good pastor (this word is originally the Latin for shepherd) has brought about--it's easy to see in the buildings, the people, and the communities he works and lives in. He has time for people, he preaches by word and by action constantly; he is warm, humorous, generous, honest, and compassionate. He is supremely hospitable--who can forget the Spaghetti Dinners with Father Haddad's heavy-duty industrial-strength sauce, and all the other goodies he has whipped up from time to time?

Father Haddad's next assignment is at St. Stephen's Priory, in Dover, Massachusetts. This is a retreat and spiritual development facility located in a beautiful 78-acre expanse on the Charles River. Father Haddad will be the prior of the Dominican community there. He will work to expand the base of the Dominican presence in that area--that is, to increase the capability of the retreat program and outreach into the community in this area of poor econo-

my. In his new assignment, Father Haddad will meet people in their deepest needs of identity and relationship to God, and in their search for purpose and meaning. He expects that it will be "very active, but different from here."

On a more personal note, Father Haddad is finding this move unexpected, in that the timing is difficult. He is saddened to leave his many friends and the community. One of his great joys at St. Dominic's is the help and support of the other priests and brothers of the Dominican community in the Parish and the community at large. We here in Southwest can't help but be saddened, too. And the timing is never going to be easy. Father Haddad is an important part of our community life, and for many of us, our personal lives as well. The folks in Massachusetts are very fortunate in their new prior. This good man, a hard act to follow, has shown all of us who know him that each of us is also a hard act to follow--each of us is precious, unique, and wonderful, and each of us can make this Southwest neighborhood community a good place to live, work, and pray. If we are sad, we are also grateful.

Phyllis Martin, who has worked with Father Haddad on many projects added that "he is a true Man of God who loves everyone and has never said 'no' to anyone. He wanted to bring the community together and coordinate the agencies. He worked countless hours to help to save SW House. More than anyone else, he is responsible for SW House being here."

Father Haddad, as you have so often said to so many of us, "Prayers and best wishes!"

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